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The weekly newsletter can be found on the parish website <https://sjfcov.org> and the Coventry Deanery website.
For live streaming of daily Mass in other local parishes who have the facility: eg Christ the King, St Thomas More, and for Mass times in Coventry, see the Deanery website for the links (<https://coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk>)

Today We Celebrate The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time : Pp 550 or 762 (new), 440 (old)

Responsorial Psalm: Your love, Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.
Alleluia!

The celebrations of Mass and Mass intentions for the coming week:

Sat 22nd Aug	6.30 pm	Tom Taylor	
Sun 23rd Aug	9.30 am	Bella McNamara: Jean Melia	
	11.30 am	Peter Donaghy	
Mon 24 th Aug		Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	John Mernagh
Tues 25th Aug	9.00 am	Mary Maura Marron: Spec Int - Ciara	
Wed 26 th Aug		Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi	Spec Int - Christine O'Carroll
Thurs 27th Aug	9.00 am	Memorial of St Monica	Ellis Isaacs
Fri 28 th Aug		Memorial of St Augustine	Spec Int - John & Graham Ivens
Sat 29th Aug	10.00 am	Memorial of the Beheading of St John the Baptist, Martyr	Tony Gregory
	6.30 pm	Mary Trill	
Sun 30th Aug		Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30 am	Marcus Devine	
	11.30 am	McSweeney family	

Weekday Masses Three Times A Week
(church will not be open on other days)

Saturday at 10am, Tuesday at 9am and Thursday at 9am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.30 pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.30 am

Fr Peter will celebrate a private Mass for your intentions on the days when public Mass does not take place.

Message from Fr Peter

According to the tourist industry, spending time with our 'feathered friends' has become a popular part of any 'staycation' - as holidays at home are called by the 'trendies' nowadays. One of my earliest hobby enthusiasms was influenced by my late Aunt. Focusing her eyes, through her trusty pair of war-time binoculars she pointed out, joyfully, the Bluetits, Jackdaws, Starlings and Magpies she could see from her upstairs flat. Sorting through my shelves I thought of her, as I came across a fascinating book by the Christian writer John Stott, entitled: *Birds My Teachers*. His words have made me look out on to my small garden with larger eyes:

It was Jesus Christ himself in the Sermon on the Mount who told us to be bird watchers! (Mt 6.26) Over the years, I have been trying to develop a new branch of science, which a friend and I have jocularly called 'orni-theology' or the theology of birds...The first lesson that birds can teach us is faith...'Said the Robin to the Sparrow I should really like to know why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so.' Said the Sparrow to the Robin, 'Friend, I think that it must be they have no Heavenly Father such as cares for you and me' (E Cheney) (Stott, p9-10).

St Joseph's, Canley

As well as supporting Fr George at St Patrick's and Deacon David Palmer, the new Chaplain at Warwick University, I have now been appointed as Assistant Priest at St Joseph's. It has always had a close association with the University. Fr Stephen Day will be both Parish Priest at St Thomas More and St Joseph's. I am looking forward to my new assignments.

My final weekend with you will be 5th/6th September.

Our New Parish Priest

There is a live stream link to Fr Des's current parish at www.olas.org.uk

His first weekend with us will be the 12th-13th September.

ST JOHN FISHER : COLLECTING CONTACT DETAILS OF THOSE WHO COME TO CHURCH FOR NHS TRACK AND TRACE

For the safety of all who attend Mass, the government has advised that a contact phone number be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law.

If you come to Mass in a group or as a family only one contact number will be needed.

The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent. If you do not wish to provide your phone number for these purposes, you will still be able to attend Mass.

The parish is committed to ensuring that information we hold about you is properly and securely held in accordance with the law.

You can find out more from our Privacy Notice, which is at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>.

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Your contact details will be required for every Mass you attend. If a family attend, one contact number is sufficient. Please put your details on a piece of paper (or print off a form from the Parish website) and place in the basket provided at the start of each Mass.

A basket will be provided for the completed slips for each Mass and these will be kept securely for 21 days in case NHS Track and Trace require details. After 21 days the slips will be destroyed.

Health and Safety Guidance in a time of Covid 19

There are special guidelines for each setting we go into. These are based upon agreed Archdiocesan and Government guidance applied to our circumstances. These guidelines will be reviewed again by Fr Des when he comes as parish priest.

Those Attending Mass or a Service

- Must wear a mask. The government has now made it **mandatory**, in places of worship, for people to wear a mask or face covering (except those with medical conditions, disabilities and other impairments which prevent them from doing so). Children under 11 are exempt.
- Sanitise hands at entry and exit- Maintain a social distance of 2m
- Follow a Steward's instructions and any signs
- Recognise that only the priest is allowed in the sacristy or sanctuary area.
- Realise that the priest is unable to greet you as he usually does.
- **Church space is limited to 60.** Give others the chance to come to mass too.
- Remember that the toilets are not available to be used.

Changes During Mass

At present, we won't be having any:

- Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir nor individual Singing (or raised voices)
- **Collections during Mass - because we can't pass baskets around to receive weekly offerings, these are at entry/exit points**
- You will be invited to sit or kneel at various times in the Mass – please do whichever feels most comfortable for you.

Holy Communion

- **Please stay seated until a steward directs you towards the altar via the central aisle.**
- **Keep your mask/face covering on**
- **Receive the host, silently, with outstretched hands**
- **Consume the host as you return to your seat via the outer aisles.**
- **Don't be embarrassed if you don't feel able to receive at this time -for whatever reason – please come for a Blessing or bow to the tabernacle as you leave.**

General Advice

Please stay at home if you:

- have been told to Shield
- have been exposed to Covid 19
- have a family member who is sick
- feel unwell yourself

An Appeal for Stewards and Cleaners

As you can imagine in order for us to continue to fulfil the complex health and safety guidelines, we will need many more stewards and cleaners. We only have a small group at present. Do consider whether your health and age would allow you to offer to help. Contact the Church through the office website for further details.

Confessions

At the moment there will continue to be no Confessions, but we hope to offer this in the near future. Further details will be given in the newsletter nearer the time. In circumstances like lockdown, or when a person can't attend church, or a priest is not able to hear the large number of confessions that may be required, the Catechism and Pope Francis, recommend a Prayer of Perfect Contrition to obtain the forgiveness of our venial sins. This also includes our mortal ones- if we aim to go to confession when we can. The Bishops, in line with this teaching, ask us to say : ***“My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.”***

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

The National Board of Catholic Women have published a valuable resource pack. Catholic Bishops' Conference website for details.

**With my blessings to you and your families, the schools' staff and pupils, and to all of our key workers.
May St John Fisher and St Gregory Pray for us and all our students, as they receive their examination results.
Fr Peter**

Collection baskets are available at the entrance and at the exit to church.
Track & Trace: Please leave your contact details at every Mass. Thank you

When the new estate is built on Tiverton Rd, one road will be called **Robert Wright Drive**, and another will be called **John Fisher Close**.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently

**John “Jackie” Clerkin
Jim Byrne
Keith Bewick
Claire Hayes**

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

R I P Jim Byrne

Jim, a much loved and faithful Altar Server and Eucharistic Minister, was called to the Lord this week. He will be happily reunited with Fr Bob. I told his family how fond I had become of him during my time at St John Fisher. I will always remember his gentleness, good humour and encouragement of my ministry. May he Rest In Peace. Fr Peter

Prayers have been requested for the sick of our parish community:

Please contact the church to add a name to the Sick List

Anne Gillies; Hugh McAteer; Margaret Buckley; Cath O'Toole, Tom McGrath, Patrick Maughan, John Maughan, Anthony McDonagh, Eric Holt, Rose Maughan, Derek Coyle, Kirsty Coyle, Iain Connell, Michael Ward, Jim Ward, Stefan Szwarnowski, Eileen Barnes, Michael Kelly, Garry Hole, Thomas Hewitt, Mindi Devi, Peter Charman, Elaine Watkins, Arthur Watkins, Michael Butler, Cathy Grant, Constance Kowalik,

And pray for the priests of the Archdiocese, especially

Fr Michael Stack, Mgr Tony Wilcox, Fr Andrew McCann and Fr Bernard (Holy Family)

USEFUL WEBSITES

Catholic Bishops' Conference

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

Archdiocese of Birmingham

[www. birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

St Chad's Cathedral is now live streaming services www.stchadscathedral.org.uk

Papal Masses [www. vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

Candles available in September. £3.50 each

Lamp Lit at Sacred Heart Shrine:

This week: 1. John & Reg. 2. Mary Ewart b'day

Next week: 1. Matt & Emma 2. Mary Ewart b'day

Lamp lit at Our Lady's Shrine:

This Week: 1.GG & Maggie 2. Mary Ewart b'day

Next week: 1. Natalie, George & Molly 2. Mary Ewart b'day

Lamp Lit at St Joseph's Shrine

This week: Tom Taylor

Next Week: Frank o'Brien

Lamp Lit at St Anthony's Shrine

This week: Larry & Peter

Next Week: Fr Bob